



Dennis Kavanaugh Keynoter for the 2010 Museum Association of Arizona Annual Meeting

In these days of financial exigency, our museums and arts and cultural institutions depend on advocacy from every quarter. We need knowledgeable people and institutions promoting us, and we need to learn how to better become our own advocates. Dennis Kavanaugh is an inspired choice as keynoter at "Speaking Up for Museums," MAA's 28th Annual Meeting in Sedona on June 3, 2010.

Witty, wise, and always with a twinkle in his eye, Mr. Kavanaugh has been in the Arizona arts-and-cultural trenches for a very long time and has specific words of wisdom to impart about effective advocacy in our state. His extensive experience also enables him to speak with authority on national advocacy issues.

A partner in the law firm of Day Kavanaugh, P. C., Dennis Kavanaugh is a distinguished arts supporter of many years standing. He was the recipient of the Shelley Award for Advocacy at the 2008 Governor's Arts Awards, was board chair of the Mesa Museum and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board, and member of the Mesa Art Center's Architect Selection and Design Committee. Mr. Kavanaugh also served on the Arizona Commission on the Arts Board (ACA) from 1999 to 2005 and as ACA chair from 2003 to 2005.

Dennis Kavanaugh was a founding board member of the Southwest Shakespeare Company and board chair of the Mesa Historical Society, the Mesa Symphony, and the Mesa Art Center Foundation. He is a co-founder, member, and chair of the Banner Desert Hospital Community Advisory Board, and has served on the boards of the Citrus Valley Playhouse, Arizona Museum for Youth Friends, the Arizona Museum of Natural History Foundation, and Arizona Citizens for the Arts. He was a National Assembly on State Arts Agencies board member from 2005-2009. A member of the Mesa City Council from 1996 to 2004, Mr. Kavanaugh was vice mayor from 2002 to 2004. Mesa voters, knowing a good thing when they saw it, elected him again to the Mesa City Council where he now serves. He is also currently board chair for the Child Crisis Center-East Valley and was just elected to a two-year term as a board member for the National League of Cities where he will assist in national advocacy work on behalf of America's 19,000 cities and towns.

The Museum Association of Arizona looks forward with great anticipation to Dennis Kavanaugh's keynote address.



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